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- ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION

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- "NOVEMBER 23, 1976

"DEAR CHAIRMAN AMARAICH:

MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 26, REQUESTING A MEETING IN HONOLULU DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 BETWEEN HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND PRINCIPAL ADVISORS, I REALLY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL AND POTENTIALLY MORE USEFUL TO PROPOSE THAT WE MEET, PERHAPS ON A RELATIVELY INFORMAL BASIS, EITHER IN HONOLULU OR SAIPAN DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY.

AS THE FIRST TOPIC TO BE CONSIDERED YOU PROPOSED A DIS-
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CUSSION OF THE "INCONSISTENCIES" BETWEEN THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AS NOW DRAFTED AND
THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AS PREVIOUSLY INITIALED.
SINCE BOTH SIDES HAVE ALREADY ANALYZED THESE DOCUMENTS
FROM A LEGAL POINT OF VIEW WITH ESSENTIALLY THE SAME

RESULTS, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE MORE USEFUL AT THIS
STAGE TO CONSULT ABOUT SOME PRACTICAL WAY IN WHICH A
MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION COULD STAND COMPATIBLY WITH THE
STATUS OF FREE ASSOCIATION ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT BOTH
SIDES INTEND TO PURSUE REALISTICALLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY
NEGOTIATIONS FOR FREE ASSOCIATION. IT IS ON THIS BASIS
THAT I BELIEVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPLEX
MARINE RESOURCES/LAW OF THE SEA ISSUE CAN PROCEED WITH
THE GREATEST CHANCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS. WHILE I
DOUBT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE IN A POSITION
PRIOR TO DECEMBER 12 TO PRESENT TO YOU FULL U.S. VIEWS
ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION, I WOULD HOPE THAT IN EARLY
JANUARY WE COULD DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AS CONSTRUCTIVELY
AS POSSIBLE FROM BOTH POINTS OF VIEW.

I INDEED HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE A MUTUALLY WORTHWHILE
MEETING AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE TO
THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY YOURS, PHILIP W.
MANHARD, ACTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS
NEGOTIATIONS" ROBINSON

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